

## West Central

### Top Occupations for which the typical source of training is a Bachelor's or Higher Degree

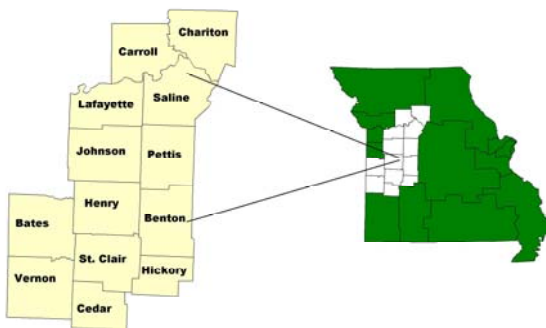
Estimated Annual Job Openings 2000-2010      West Central 2002 Mean Hourly Wage

Secondary School Teachers, exc.		
Special & Vocational Education	68	\$31,345*
Elementary School Teachers, exc.		
Special Education	42	\$29,757*
General & Operations Managers	31	\$26.68
Chief Executives	14	\$44.79
Special Ed. Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary School	13	\$27,655*
Vocational Education Teachers, Secondary School	11	\$35,081*
Middle School Teachers, exc.		
Special & Vocational Education	10	\$31.353*
Insurance Sales Agents	10	\$11.94
Educational, Vocational, & School Counselors	9	\$15.82
Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	8	\$56,805*
Pharmacists	8	\$37.12
Financial Managers	7	\$31.68
Preschool Teachers, exc.		
Special Education	7	\$9.57
Medical & Health Services Managers	6	\$23.66
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	6	\$31,027*
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	5	\$47,573*
Kindergarten Teachers, exc.		
Special Education	5	\$28,931*
Recreation Workers	5	\$9.69

\*Mean Annual Wage

#### Skills Needed

Active Listening	Learning Strategies
Coordination	Reading Comprehension
Instructing	Speaking
Judgment/Decision Making	



#### West Central WIA

The West Central Workforce Investment Area (WIA) consists of thirteen counties in western Missouri. Lafayette and Bates Counties are part of the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area. Johnson County (Warrensburg), Pettis County (Sedalia), and Saline County (Marshall) are Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

The West Central WIA accounts for 3% of the state's workforce. Central Missouri State University, Missouri Valley College, and State Fair Community College are all located in the area. Three major lakes – Truman, Stockton, and Pomme de Terre – offer a variety of recreational activities. Whiteman Air Force Base, home of the B-2 Bomber, is also located in the region.

#### Education & Training Categories

**Short to Moderate-term On-the-Job Training**  
Skills are generally developed with less than 1 month to 12 months of on-the-job training.

**Long-term On-the-Job Training/Work Experience**  
Skills are generally developed with more than 12 months of on-the job training, work experience and classroom training, or experience in a related job.

**Career Education or Associate's Degree**  
Career education programs range in length from several weeks to a year or more. An associate degree usually requires 2 years of full-time academic study beyond high school.

**Bachelor's or Higher Degree**  
Usually requires 4 or more years of full-time academic study beyond high school.

## Employment Outlook Occupational Projections



### West Central Workforce Investment Area 2000-2010

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### Top Occupations for which the typical source of training is Short to Moderate-term On-the-Job Training

	Estimated Annual Job Openings 2000-2010	West Central 2002 Mean Hourly Wage
Cashiers.....	179	\$6.83
Retail Salespersons.....	116	\$11.06
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants.....	56	\$7.65
Office Clerks, General.....	53	\$9.37
Janitors & Cleaners, exc.		
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners.....	39	\$8.94
Child Care Workers.....	32	\$7.27
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners.....	30	\$7.65
Teacher Assistants.....	27	\$14,523*
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop.....	23	\$7.69
Food Preparation Workers.....	22	\$6.66
Packers & Packagers, Hand.....	20	\$8.92
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers.....	18	\$11.16
Pharmacy Technicians.....	15	\$8.88
Home Health Aides.....	15	\$7.59
Receptionists & Information Clerks.....	14	\$7.93
Security Guards.....	13	\$8.15
Counter & Rental Clerks.....	12	\$7.52
Customer Service Representatives.....	11	\$10.88
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant.....	10	\$7.44

\*Mean Annual Wage

#### Skills Needed

Active Listening	Service Orientation
Equipment Selection	Social Perceptiveness
Instructing	Speaking
Reading Comprehension	

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### Top Occupations for which the typical source of training is Long-term On-the-Job Training or Work Experience in a Related Occupation

	Estimated Annual Job Openings 2000-2010	West Central 2002 Mean Hourly Wage
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers.....	44	\$12.53
Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria.....	25	\$7.21
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades Workers.....	23	\$19.56
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers.....	21	\$11.69
Carpenters.....	21	\$13.33
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office Workers.....	19	\$15.60
Electricians.....	17	\$14.70
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers... 13		\$21.14
Coaches & Scouts.....	9	\$28,154*
Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters.....	9	\$8.93
Fire Fighters.....	7	\$10.79
Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers.....	7	\$12.29
Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters.....	6	\$17.47
Automotive Body & Related Repairers.....	5	\$15.01
Water & Liquid Waste Treatment Plant & System Operators.....	5	\$13.18

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#### Skills Needed

Active Listening	Mathematics
Coordination	Operation & Control
Equipment Selection	Reading Comprehension
Installation	Social Perceptiveness
Management of Personnel	

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### Top Occupations for which the typical source of training is Career Education or an Associate's Degree

	Estimated Annual Job Openings 2000-2010	West Central 2002 Mean Hourly Wage
Registered Nurses.....	51	\$19.37
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses.....	27	\$12.40
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers.....	24	\$12.50
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics.....	23	\$12.78
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics.....	16	\$11.87
Computer Support Specialists.....	12	\$16.49
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians.....	6	\$10.95
Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists.....	6	\$13.97
Respiratory Therapy Technicians.....	4	\$14.67
Medical Transcriptionists.....	4	\$11.21
Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors.....	4	\$8.10
Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians.....	4	\$20.30
Respiratory Therapists.....	3	\$17.20
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians.....	3	\$11.47
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians.....	3	\$16.73
Desktop Publishers.....	3	\$7.85
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, exc. Engines.....	3	\$17.07

#### Skills Needed

Active Listening	Repairing
Equipment Maintenance	Time Management
Installation	Troubleshooting
Instructing	Writing
Reading Comprehension	